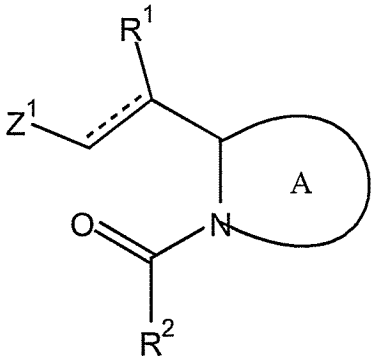
AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Previously presented) A compound of Formula (I)



(I)

wherein

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R^1 is hydrogen, $-CO_2R^3$, $-C(O)R^3$, $-CONR^3R^3$, $-CH_2OR^4$ or $-CH_2SR^4$;

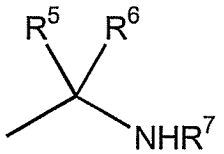
ring A is an optionally substituted pyrrolidinyl ring;

R^2 is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkenyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted heterocyclenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, optionally substituted heteroaralkyl, optionally substituted aralkenyl, optionally substituted heteroaralkenyl, optionally substituted aralkynyl, or optionally substituted heteroaralkynyl;

R^3 is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

R^4 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, lower acyl, aroyl or heteroaroyl; and

Z^1 is optionally substituted phenyl and is additionally substituted by an amidino group of formula



wherein R^5 and R^6 together are $=NR^8$; R^8 is selected from hydrogen, R^9O_2C-, R^9O-, HO-, $R^9C(O)$-, HCO-, cyano, optionally substituted lower alkyl, nitro or $Y^{1a}Y^{2a}N$-; wherein R^9 is alkyl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; R^7 is selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted aralkyl and optionally substituted heteroaralkyl; and Y^{1a} and Y^{2a} are independently hydrogen or alkyl; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^8 is hydrogen; and R^7 is hydrogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

4. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein R^7 and R^8 are independently optionally substituted lower alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

5. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
R^1 is hydrogen, $-CO_2R^3$, $-CH_2OR^4$ or $-CH_2SR^4$; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-

1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols

6. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
R^1 is hydrogen, $-CO_2R^3$ or $-CH_2OR^4$; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

7. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
R^1 is $-CO_2R^3$and R^3 is lower alkyl or hydrogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

8. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
R^1 is $-CH_2OR^4$ or $-CH_2SR^4$ and R^4 is hydrogen or lower alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

9-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
R^2 is optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted aralkyl or optionally substituted aralkynyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-

cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

12. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
R^2 is optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted naphthyl, or optionally substituted heteroaryl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

13. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
R^2 is optionally substituted (phenyl substituted phenyl), optionally substituted (heteroaryl substituted phenyl), optionally substituted (phenyl substituted heteroaryl), optionally substituted (heteroaryl substituted heteroaryl), optionally substituted (phenyl substituted heterocyclenyl), optionally substituted (phenyl substituted heterocyclyl), optionally substituted (heteroaryl substituted heterocyclenyl) or optionally substituted (heteroaryl substituted heterocyclyl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

14. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
R^2 is optionally substituted (phenyl substituted phenyl), optionally substituted (heteroaryl substituted phenyl), optionally substituted (phenyl substituted heteroaryl) or optionally substituted (heteroaryl substituted heteroaryl); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

15. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
R^3 is lower alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono,

alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

16. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
R^4 is hydrogen or lower alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 4 wherein
R^9 is lower alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

19. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
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20. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
------ is a single bond;
R^1 is $-CO_2R^3$;
R^2 is optionally substituted (phenyl substituted phenyl), optionally substituted (heteroaryl substituted phenyl), optionally substituted (phenyl substituted heteroaryl), optionally substituted (heteroaryl substituted heteroaryl), optionally substituted (phenyl substituted heterocyclenyl), optionally substituted (phenyl substituted heterocyclyl), optionally substituted (heteroaryl substituted heterocyclenyl) or optionally substituted (heteroaryl substituted heterocyclyl); and

Z^1 is phenyl, which is substituted by an amidino substituent; or
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

21. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein Z^1 is substituted by an amidino group in the meta or para position of the ring system of Z^1, relative to the position of attachment of Z^1 to the rest of the molecule; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 1 wherein
R^5 and R^6 together are $=NR^8$;
R^8 is hydrogen;
R^7 is hydrogen;
R^1 is hydrogen, $-CO_2R^3$, $-C(O)R^3$, $-CH_2OR^4$or $-CH_2SR^4$;
Ring A is an optionally substituted pyrrolidinyl ring;
R^2 is optionally substituted cycloalkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkenyl, or optionally substituted heteroaryl;
R^4 is hydrogen or lower alkyl; and
------ is a single or double bond; or
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

24. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 1 which is:

2-[1-(Biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-2-yl]-3-(3-carbamimidoylphenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester trifluoroacetate, 3-(3-Carbamimidoylphenyl)-2-[1-(4-pyridin-3-ylbenzoyl)-pyrrolidin-2-yl]propionic acid methyl ester ditrifluoroacetate, 2-[1-(3-Aminomethylbiphenyl-4-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-2-yl]-3-(3-carbamimidoylphenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester ditrifluoroacetate, 3-(3-Carbamimidoylphenyl)-2-[1-(6-chlorobenzo[b]thiophene-2-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-2-yl]- propionic acid methyl ester trifluoroacetate, 3-(3-Carbamimidoylphenyl)-2-{1-[4-(6-methoxypyrid-3-yl)-benzoyl]-pyrrolidin-2-yl}-propionic acid methyl ester ditrifluoroacetate, 3-(3-Carbamimidoylphenyl)-2-{1-[4-(6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrid-3-yl)-benzoyl]-pyrrolidin-2-yl}-propionic acid methyl ester trifluoroacetate, 2-[1-(Biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-pyrrolidin-2-yl]-3-(4-carbamimidoylphenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester trifluoroacetate, 3-(R)-(5-Carbamimidoyl-2-hydroxyphenyl)-2-(R)-{1-[4-(6-oxo-1,6-dihydropyrid-3-yl)-benzoyl]-pyrrolidin-2-yl}-propionic acid methyl ester trifluoroacetate, 4-Hydroxy-3-(2-{1-[4-(6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-pyridin-3-yl)-benzoyl]-pyrrolidin-2-(R)-yl}-ethyl)-benzamidine trifluoroacetate, 3(R)-(3-Carbamimidoyl-phenyl)-2(R)-{1-[4-(6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-pyridin-3-yl)-benzoyl]-pyrrolidin-2-yl}-propionic acid-trifluoroacetate; 2-(R)-[1-(Biphenyl-4-carbonyl)-(R)-pyrrolidin-2-yl]-3-(R)-(3-carbamimidoyl-phenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester-trifluoroacetate , 3-(2-{1-[4-(6-Oxo-1,6-dihydro-pyridin-3-yl)-benzoyl]-pyrrolidin-2-(R,S)-yl}-ethyl)-benzamidine-trifluoroacetate, or 4-Hydroxy-3-(2-{1-[4-(6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-pyridin-3-yl)-benzoyl]-pyrrolidin-2-(R)-yl}vinyl)-benzamidine trifluoroacetate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols.

25. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of the compound according to claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, an N-oxide thereof, or an acid bioisotere thereof selected from the group consisting of C(=O)-NHOH, C(=O)-NH-CN, sulpho, phosphono, alkylsulfonylcarbamoyl, tetrazolyl, arylsulfonylcarbamoyl, heteroarylsulfonylcarbamoyl, N-methoxycarbamoyl, 3-hydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione, 3,5-dioxo-1,2,4-oxadiazolidinyl, or 3-hydroxyisoxazolyl, 3-hydroxy-1-methylpyrazolyl or other heterocyclic phenols, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

26-29. (Canceled)